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Crewkerne butcher is a cut above the rest

CREWKERNE butchers Barrett Brothers have an added ingredient on their shelves to match their ever growing array of framed awards.

They are now proudly displaying a BPEX trophy after winning a gold award for their dry cured rindless back bacon and were declared home cured bacon champions at the regional roadshow last month.

Previously they had a BPEX silver award for their traditional pork sausages but Garry and Stephen Pocock said they were especially pleased to have not only won the gold but a category win for the south west region.

BPEX is a subsidiary of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board who represent pig levy payers in England. They have just reported that pork sales are on the up as more people are returning to cooking from scratch and appreciate the value of British pork. They also say the environmentalists have reported whale meat could be ending up as feed for Danish pigs which is illegal under EU law.

Barrett Brothers have won many Smithfield Q Guild awards in the past and hope to do well at this year's event which take place on Tuesday, November 9th, when they will be presented by Heston Blumenthal.

British sausage week will be from November 1st to 7th when local butchers will present tasters of their best bangers and suggest recipes.



■ BRINGING HOME THE BACON: Stephen Pocock of Barrett Brothers Crewkerne with their category winning bacon

Crewkerne news

Sudden closure shocks shoppers

SHOPPERS in Crewkerne were shocked at the sudden closing of Stokes greengrocers in Falkland Square on Thursday, October 7th.

Staff turned up for work in the morning only to be told the shop was closing.

A sign was posted by the staff thanking all their customers and friends for their support.

It stated that Stokes Plc the largest independent greengrocers in the UK is still trading.

Friends' AGM

THE LEAGUE of Friends of Crewkerne Hospital will be holding their 62nd Annual General Meeting on Thursday, October 21st at 7.30pm in the Outpatients' Department of the Hospital.

Extensive improvements have been made to the hospital over the last few months and if you wish to see these, tours will run from 7pm.

All members of the public are welcome to attend but only those who have paid the full annual subscription rate of £5 will be able to vote in the elections.

School bazaar

WADHAM School, Crewkerne, is looking for quality craftspeople to be stallholders at their Christmas Bazaar which will be on Saturday, December 4th, from 10am until 3pm in the school hall.

Tables are available for £6 by contacting Miss Chumbley on 01460270123.

Laws surgery

MP DAVID Laws will be available to his constituents on Saturday, October 16th, from 11am 12noon at the Crewkerne Community Office, Town Hall, Market Square. No appointment necessary.

Alpacas talk

CREWKERNE Women's Institute will meet at the Methodist Church South Street on Tuesday, October 19th, at 2pm when the speaker will be Nick Webber, on keeping alpacas. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Zero club opening in Crewkerne

A ZERO tolerance nightclub for young people is to be opened in Crewkerne.

The Zero Club, already operating successfully in Yeovil, will open its doors in Crewkerne for the first time on Friday, October 29th, at the Henhayes Centre (7pm to 11 pm).

Bringing DJ sets and live music to the centre, the "Freaky Friday" themed event will be open to up to 100 14 to 17-year-olds and, if successful, Zero events could be held in the town regularly.

The initiative is run by South Somerset District Council, Avon and Somerset Police and the organisations that make up the Mendip and South Somerset Community Safety Partnership.

Zero aims to provide a safe, alcohol free, fun environment for young people to enjoy music and dance without anti-social behaviour. Entry and exit procedures will mirror those in place in Yeovil where thousands of young people have enjoyed the events. There will be random breath tests, bag searches and promotion of safe routes home.

Agency staff from the Mendip and South Somerset Community Safety Partnership will man the event alongside volunteers from the CAVE (Crewkerne and Villages Entertainment) Club.

The Zero project is designed to limit the damage of alcohol in the community with funding from South Somerset District Council and the Healthy Living Pooled Fund.

Entry of £5 each will be payable on the door. Parents and guardians are requested to pick up in the adjoining South Street car park at 11pm.

Bowlers mourn club champion

A FLAG flies at half-mast over Crewkerne Bowling Club in West Street as the members mourn the passing of Gerald Issac, a member for 61 years.

Born in 1926, the son of a brewery manager, he was educated at Crewkerne Grammar School. He worked in the local dairy industry, rising to western region distribution manager and became an active member of the Conservative Club.

Mr Issac started his bowling career in 1941 at the Severalls club, moving to West Street in 1949 when he was invited to play in the Somerset County Pairs, becoming pairs champion with Jim Manley in 1951.

His bowling achievements were legion as he was 14 times Club Champion, Somerset County Singles Champion in 1955 and a year later, selected for national honours. For many years he was responsible for the upkeep of the green and was a trustee and honorary life member.

This year the club are celebrating their centenary and had Mr Issac's memoirs printed in celebration. He also agreed to have the newly extended bar named in his honour.

Chairman Stuart Le Fevre said: "It is hard to do justice to the life of Gerald; he lived all his life in Crewkerne and was a fund of local stories. He will be missed."



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Schools join forces

SHEPTON Beauchamp Primary School and St Mary and St Peter's Primary at Barrington and Ilton are forming a Federation, which will provide greater opportunities for pupils and continue to improve education standards.

Both schools will have greater scope to share resources and teaching expertise across the Federation, while retaining their separate identities and budgets.

The schools have shared the same head teacher for some time.

Pupils will benefit from more dedicated teaching time and more effective use of staff specialisations.

Open meetings for parents and interested parties were held this week and will be repeated on Wednesday and Thursday, November 10th and Friday, November 11th.

For further details, contact Phillip Wright, Chair of Joint Federation Committee, (01460) 200 000.

Green hall to open

DONYATT will be celebrating on Saturday, October 16th when the fantastic new village complex which cost well over £200,000 will be officially opened at 2.30pm.

Everyone will be welcome to join the celebration which will hopefully be attended by MP David Laws who has been a great supporter of the project.

The hall has been extended and green technology added including roof panels which generate electricity, new heating which uses little electricity and lots more. Visitors can also view displays of the hall's history plus the new outside safe play area and outdoor arena.

There is plenty of parking and refreshments and a concert by "Serenade" will complete the afternoon.

Pupils dig it, grow it and cook it at school

by Marion Draper

LOCAL schools are competing once again in the Dig It, Grow It, Cook It, Eat It Now competition.

Now in its second successful year, the competition was started by recycling and waste management company Viridor, which composts Somerset's garden waste to create Revive Soil Conditioner, in partnership with Somerset Waste Action Programme (SWAP).

Pupils are eagerly awaiting the judges' verdict next month (November) while munching the results of all their hard work.

The first 25 schools to apply were given a free tonne of Revive Soil Conditioner and asked to develop a vegetable garden, keeping a scrapbook of their digging, growing, cooking and eating.

The judges are using

the scrapbooks to evaluate their work, with winning schools - one primary and one secondary - receiving prizes of £200 in garden vouchers. Runner-up schools will receive £50 in vouchers, and up to four schools will get commendation certificates.

Within the Weekender area, those taking part were Ashill Primary School, St Bartholomew's First School and Stanchester Community School, who were all given free compost.

Also entering, but without free compost were, Greenfylde First School, Neroche Primary School and Somerset Skills and Learning.

Viridor regional recycling manager Kevin Bishop said: "Helping children grow their own vegetables in compost made from 100 per cent natural organic materials

is a great example of the perfect recycling loop. "We've taken this idea further with our Revive soil conditioner by helping some incredible gardening projects in the local community and encouraging schoolchildren

to become inspired gardeners."

SWAP leader Rupert Farthing said: "We have seen some amazing entries and it is great to see so many schools developing vegetable gardens. "The children got a

huge amount out of the whole process, from planting the seeds, nurturing the plants through to deciding how to cook it. The competition helps children understand the full food cycle and how food does not have to come from supermarkets.

They can also see how their kitchen and garden scraps turn into wonderful compost to help their vegetables grow."

Competition winners will be announced at an event in Taunton in late November.



■ **VEGETABLE EDUCATION:** Ashill Community Primary School competitors Madeleine Pearce, aged 10; Bethany Gooch, 10; Jacob Mee, 10; and Connor Hadley, 11

8 Jessica Davey, Happy 8th Birthday on Sunday, love and hugs from Mummy, Daddy and Max

21 Happy 21st Birthday Miranda Grattan on 12th October. Good luck and happiness for the future, all our love Grandma and Glyn xxx

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6 Rudi Snell Happy 6th Birthday, with love from Grandad and Granny

57 Happy 57th Birthday Margaret Edith Pratt, love Doug and Pam

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Holiday activity calendar available

SOUTH Somerset District Council has compiled the first activity calendar that covers the whole district to tackle the difficult task of entertaining the family during school holidays.

The free South Somerset Holiday Activity calendar lists dozens of activities and events, many of which are free of charge, from bird watching in Chard to the three-day Startrack athletics camp in Yeovil.

Jay Lewin, Young People's Officer at South Somerset District Council said: "We realised that it can be tricky for parents to find exciting and inexpensive things to do during the holidays. There are so many events going on and we felt it would be a huge help to families if we put them all together in one publication for everyone to use.

"A trial calendar for Yeovil this summer led to a very noticeable increase in people attending the free activities that I organise for the community, and I've heard similar comments from organisers across the town."

The calendar has received funding and support from

South Somerset District Council, Yarlinton Housing Group and Somerset County Council.

Councillor Sylvia Seal, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture at South Somerset District Council added: "We are promoting healthy and active lifestyles and varied play activities for children and families and how better to do that than by making all of the opportunities available in one useful publication.

"I'm also pleased that this calendar has brought so many partners together. From our Area Development teams at the district council to county council youth workers, the Somerset Rural Youth Project, Yeovil Foyer and Mendip and South Somerset Community Safety Partnership everyone has come together to make it happen."

Copies of the calendar are available from South Somerset District Council on 01935 462462 or at www.southsomerset.gov.uk/holidayactivities.

Barrington Players take to the stage for charity

BARRINGTON Players will be staging a short performance of "Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo" at Barrington Village Hall on Sunday, October 17th at 7pm after a series of six two hour work-

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■ **HARVEST HATS:** Ash class members make their debut

Best harvest for Ashlands

ASHLANDS First School children enjoyed entertaining their families during a very lively Harvest Festival held at St Bartholomew's Church in Crewkerne.

There were songs for everyone to join in and each class took a turn to stand at the front and sing to everyone else, which even the newest members of the school performed very well and with great enjoyment.

Beech Class sang about owls with actions, Hazel Class sang the harvest rock and roll without music when the CD wouldn't play and used percussion instruments. Holly class gave a wonderful play on words planting squash to squash all the bad things, lettuce asking lettuce be kind to others, turnips to make sure they turned up to help one another and thyme to have time for themselves and their families.

Ash Class which included the youngest children enjoyed singing about the big red combine harvester

by Marion Draper

with tumble actions of their arms. Headteacher Carol Wills congratulated them all on knowing their words and performing so well.

The Reverend Michael Gallagher led the prayers and talked to the children about the importance of being

thankful not only for their food but for the other things important in their lives, when he asked them what they were thankful for the answers were everything from money to the sky.

The sunshine outside the church matched the happy children inside and one parent remarked that it had been the best harvest festival yet.



■ **SONGS WITH ACTIONS:** Beech class sang about the owl



■ **SQUASHING OUT THE RUDENESS:** Holly class with a play on words



■ **HARVEST ROCK N ROLL:** Hazel class managed without their music



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■ **BEST MAKEUP:** Voodoo Carnival by Eclipse CC



■ **MAYOR'S CHOICE:** One Plus One O what a Knight

CHARD and District Carnival procession was very successful, much to the relief of everyone involved and with mild dry weather there was a good crowd turn out. There was a definite increase

in spectators at the very start of the parade, with families putting out deckchairs and settling in for the entertainment as far as the Tesco entrance.

While the Chard Goldstars majorettes set off to lead the parade there was a dramatic moment when the fire engine had to attend a 999 call at the other end of town. The crowds had to part and the procession halted for the en-

gine to go through with sirens blaring.

Harlequin CC won Best feature for the third time, following their success at both Wellington and Ilminster with Geppetto's Workshop cleaning up on several trophies.

Hot on their heels was Voodoo Carnival from Eclipse CC who took the prize for best

makeup. Gemini repeated their success as Best Tableaux and Merriott Silhouettes were deemed top of the majorettes.

Domino opted out of the floats this year and went for an entertaining car racing walking entry and the Kelly Leigh Dancers made a good display with

their tribal dancing, adding to the carnival atmosphere along with the samba band.

Carnival committee chairman Helena Stone said: "The night went really well and a good time was had by all. Crowds were up on previous years and so were the entries. There were a few hold ups to the procession, due to some casualties away from the carnival route and the ambulances had to traverse some of the route, with two ambulances from different directions meeting at one point.

"I was very pleased with how the carnival

went, and felt it was one of the best carnivals in Chard for a long time, because we had the right weather, a good sized crowd and a very good line-up of entries.

"I was also pleased to see so many of the traders in Chard had kept their shops open into the night, and also, Forefront Community Centre were providing some first class street entertainment."

She added: "I would like to thank Chard Town Council for their grant of £900 towards carnival costs, Councillors Jenny Kenton and Jill Shortland for the grant of £500 to cover license fees, PRS



■ **ROYAL TRIO:** Chard carnival Princess Jessica Lacey, attendant Amy Down and Miss Chard Hazel Mahoney



■ **TRIBAL DANCE:** Kelly Leigh Dancers

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for Music, who have sponsored half of our licence fees and finally, everyone who supported Chard Carnival, either by watching, or taking part, without which we couldn't continue."

Results:

Class 1 Feature: 1st - Harlequin CC, Geppettos Workshop; 2nd - Eclipse CC, Voodoo Carnival; 3rd - Phoenix CC, Rome 217 AD.

Class 2 Tableaux: 1st - Gemini, Colosseum; 2nd - New Beginning, Over the Rainbow

Class 3 Comic: 1st - One Plus One, O What a Knight; 2nd - Poppe Inns, C U Jimmy

Class 4, Youth: 1st - Rascals JCC, Medieval Pageant; 2nd - 2nd South Petherton Scouts, Ska

Class 5 Open: 1st - Club 2000 CC, Rock Star; 2nd - Zem CC, Welcome to Bollywood

Class 6A Single Walking

Adult: 1st - A + A CC, Skulduggery; 2nd - Dave Arney, Ragtime; 3rd - Roger Muspratt-Hamilton, Arachnophobia The Sequel

Class 6B Single Walking Juvenile: 1st - Matthew Parker, Rainbows End; 2nd - Trish Male CC, Crisp Couture; 3rd - Outkast CC Pups, Luck of the Irish

Class 7 Walking Pairs: 1st - Cousins CC, Scarecrows Wedding; 2nd - Outkast CC, Caribbean Voodoo

Class 8 Walking Groups: 1st - Xtreme CC, Poker Face; 2nd - Motiv8 CC, Bombay Dreams; 3rd - Jokers CC, Meet the Suckers

Class 9 Walking Wheeled: 1st - Generations CC, Pirates Playtime

Class 10 Trade: 1st - Wookey Hole Caves, Santaland at Wookey Hole

Class 11 Walking Non-Federation: 1st - Kelly Leigh School of Dance, Tribal Dance; 2nd - Hotsteppers Dance, Street Dance

Class 12 Majorettes: 1st - Merriott Silhouettes Majorettes; 2nd - Stardust Majorettes 3rd - Trojan Twirler Majorettes

The Mervyn Ball Crystal Vase, mayor's choice - One Plus One

Jan Lucas Memorial Trophy, best youth walking entry from Chard - Kelly Leigh School of Dance

The Spirit of Carnival Cup, spirit of carnival - Harlequin CC

Norman Welch Cup, best music on a float - Harlequin CC

Lordleaze Cup, best tractor/Lorry - Gemini CC

Domino Cup, best non-federation entry - Kelly Leigh School of Dance

Reg Weaver Cup, best costume on foot - Xtreme CC

Sue Middleton Shield,

best make-up - Eclipse CC

Chard and Ilminster Plate, public choice - Gemini CC

The overall winners for floats and walking will not be announced until the South Somerset Federation of Carnivals annual dance on November 20th.



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Teresa crowned chutney queen

THE second annual Chutfest brought a steady stream of visitors to the National Trust property Barrington Court near Ilminster.

The halls were buzzing with chutney enthusiasts from far and wide who were selling and swapping their preserves, jams and other home-made produce in a celebration of local produce and cooking from scratch.

This year's champion

chutney maker was Teresa Udall from Chiselborough near Crewkerne whose date and apple chutney was rated outstanding by the judges Vivien Lloyd and Guy Tullberg of Tracklements.

Teresa, who had only entered in her local village show before, will now be enjoying a day with the Wiltshire company Tracklements, which has been making chutneys and mustards

commercially for 40 years.

She was immensely proud of her win as she had used her late grandmother's recipe but with a little more spice.

She said: "I use all her equipment and cookery books so I feel she is still cooking with me."

"When I was using the mincer one day and the handle broke I was devastated but thankfully found a replacement on Ebay."

"I am very green fingered and grow most of our own vegetables. I have just been asked to take over the allotment of a gentleman in the village who is a champion grower."

"I love cooking and it's a shame gran is not here to see this."

Speaking of her entry, Mr Tullberg said: "You know when you see a good chutney, if it has a brightness to it and a good smell. I really liked the texture of this one and it had just the right spiciness."

"When I am tasting, I'm after something that

will happily go with both cheese and cold meats with a perfect balance of the ingredients, fruit, onion, sugar, vinegar and spices."

Mary Wardell from Tatworth near Chard has been making chutneys for years from anything her garden produces, mostly selling locally for charities such as the Children's Hospice.

She said the Chutfest was a great idea and hoped it would continue.

Chutfest will be held again next year on the weekend of October 1st and 2nd, phone 01460 243124 for details.



■ **ROYAL APPROVAL:** King Hal (Mike Farley from Crewkerne) with Chutfest winner Teresa Udall



■ **FAIR EXCHANGE:** Mary Wardell from Tatworth swaps chutneys with Mrs Read who was visiting her daughter in Dowlish Wake

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'We have no choice' - county farms reviewed



■ **WHERE WILL IT END:** Somersex county farm tenants Ben Smith, Sue Margan, David Crabb and Matthew Heal

FOLLOWING the review of Somerset County Council's £40million County Farms Estate, local tenant farmers have received a letter indicating whether their farm is likely to be sold on.

A formal decision is expected to be taken this week.

Somersex County Farm Tenants Association and the National Farmers Union have objected to the review from the beginning, concerned that if the farms were sold there would be nowhere for young farmers to start out and the land would be at risk of development.

The decision to review county farms prompted criticism and complaints from all quarters, at one stage causing more than 150 people to pack out the key council meetings to argue that the farms should be kept in public ownership.

The council agreed a "case-by-case" review in order to sell off farms to raise millions of pounds, with sales used to counter anticipated cuts in Government funding.

by Marion Draper

The council is now proposing to keep 27 farms and sell off the remaining 35.

One tenant, due to be evicted next March, received a stay until 2012 but was then told his farm would be sold after that date. He was shocked, as a study farm for schools, he felt he had met all the criteria on the short questionnaire and would be safe.

Lower Sea Farm near Ilminster was given a new 15-year tenancy agreement just before the review began, but even the tenants there have just been told their farm will be sold to another landlord. This means it will no longer be available under the county farms scheme for future generations to make a start.

Councillor David Huxtable, Cabinet Member for Resources, said: "It has been a long and difficult process, but tough times have forced tough decisions."

"We have listened to the views and concerns of the farmers, and have had to bal-

ance this with the savings that have to be made.

"The farms are worth a total of more than £40m and that is a huge asset for the council and a huge subsidy for the farmers."

"As a council with an anticipated budget deficit of £75million, we have had to make a very difficult choice."

Council Leader Ken Maddock said: "Somersex County Council is committed to reducing debt and the sales of valuable assets such as the county farms would contribute to the council's overall financial position."

"We spend £36million each year on debt and repayments. That is one pound in every ten we spend on services is spent on debt."

"We just can't go on, it's like a family that has maxed out on the credit card and is now having to sell prize assets to sort out their finances."

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People at 7,347 events in 188 countries joined together to dig community gardens, install solar panels and plant trees on Saturday, October 10th.

Their events and photographs were then uploaded onto a website as part of the 350.org global initiative to draw the attention of world leaders to global warming issues.

Don Hudson from the science team of Wessex Water presented the group with a cheque for £500 and said it was the first time a second presentation had been made to the same organisation.

He had spent four hours clearing the weeds between the previously planted trees a couple of days prior to the group

planting.

The woodland is making use of reclaimed land from the old sewage works and a further area has just been donated to the project for the planting of native species and apple trees.

A plan was drawn up for the planting by Somerset County Council Countryside and Coast Manager Phil Stone.

The project is still in its infancy but many of the volunteers who had taken part in clearing and planting last year were impressed to see the changes.

The community woodland is next to the River Ile and paths will eventually be created to make it suitable for buggies and wheelchairs, providing they can get enough volunteers to keep up the work.

So far families have been enjoying planting sessions together and couples have planted trees for future generations to enjoy. SSCAG would like to thank everyone who turned up to help.



■ **FAMILY CONTRIBUTION:** Hayley, Tarin and Kevin White planting trees together



FOR the last eight year Steve Maylor and wife Sue have been living their second childhood somewhat, running the Amazing Dolls' House and Toy Company in Ilminster.

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Until recently he was also a member of the First Responders, acting as area co-ordinator. But after 10 years decided to take a back seat and spend more time with their six-year-old daughter and grandchildren from their other children.

● **WHAT do you like most about Ilminster?**

It is the people. The people make the town. People like my dear old mate Jim Olds, the town crier who we sadly lost this year, he was typical of the personalities and the folk who make up this town and meet day to day.

● **HAVE you seen much of a change in the trend for toys?**

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● **DO you have a favourite toy, either now or from childhood?**

I enjoy old vehicles and making things. I remember my first bike when I was 12. It was second hand but I thought it was great. There wasn't much money around then so you made your own fun. Kids would go out and play safely in a way you wouldn't want them to now. I quite like recycling things that have been cast aside, repairing them and bringing them back to life.

● **IF you could go and visit a period of history when would it be?**

I am relatively content with today. I am a bit spoilt with modern luxuries but I wouldn't mind just visiting biblical times and be in the crowd to listen at the sermon of the mount.

● **WHAT would you like to have with you if you were stranded on a desert island?**

A good set of tools and a good supply of reading material; the Bible because I find inspiration from it and anything by Bryson. Also a basic medical kit, with aspirins and minor medical equipment.

● **WHAT did being a Responder mean to you?**

It was fulfilling in that we met people in their hour of need and were able to give reassurance and basic help, with the training we were given, until the emergency services could reach them. People were always grateful we were there. Often just seeing the uniform was reassuring for them. I still recruit for them, you need a caring personality and am happy to talk to anyone about it, they do need some more volunteers.

● **WHY did you join the First responders?**

I had been involved in training with the Red Cross and St John Ambulance commercially for many years so it seemed a logical progression. Responding also saved my life because when we were training and taking blood pressures, the trainer checked mine and found it was dangerously high, I could have had a stroke at any time. Now I am on medication, but I had no idea other than feeling tired and the odd headache.

● **HAVE you travelled much?**

I lived in Australia for two years when I was in my teens. I would like to take Sue back to see where I used to live. It's a lot easier to get there now, it was a four day sea voyage when I went. I do like holidays in the sun when possible.

● **ARE you one of the traders who takes part in First Tuesday scheme?**

Yes it is proving very popular in the town. I thought it was a good opportunity to promote Ilminster in these difficult times. On the First Tuesday of every month we run a draw in the town for people who use our shops. It makes people shop locally with the independent traders and helps sustain what is a very successful country town.

● **IF you won the lottery how would you use it?**

Well I don't buy a ticket but if I had that sort of money I would do the usual things, make sure the children were catered for and support charities. We have a friend who has a charity called Send a Cow where you pay for a family to have a cow, the cow then provides milk for the family and some to sell which gives them money to school the children who can then get employment. Also our church in Taunton, the Vinyard Church, is sponsoring an orphanage in India.

● **WHAT do you do for entertainment?**

We have three older children but still have a six-year-old which limits things a bit so we enjoy watching films and documentaries on TV. I enjoy DIY and since we moved a year ago I have been making improvements and changing things.

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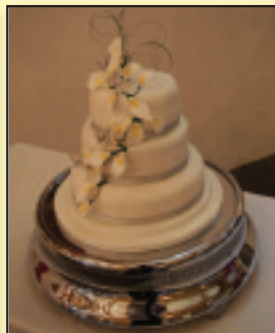
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How to dress for a wedding reception

Knowing how to dress for a wedding reception is important. If you're dressed too fancy or not fancy enough, you're going to stand out like a sore thumb. That's not the kind of lasting impression you want to leave on your fellow guests or the happy couple. Unless you're the bride or groom, it pays to learn how to dress for a wedding reception before you attend one.

1. Pay attention to the invitation. If it indicates anything like formal dress or black tie, then you know you need to dress to the nines for this event. This means a tuxedo or suit and tie for men and full-length dresses or ball gowns for women.
- 2 Take your cue from the venue of the reception. If the reception is going to be outside, you can usually get away with more casual clothing than if the reception will be in a formal ballroom.
3. Refrain from going too casual, unless the invitation specifically requests jeans and t-shirts. You're still attending a wedding, after all. Even the more laid-back outdoor venues require a degree of decorum. Business casual dress, such as khakis and polo shirts, are about as casual as you should go.
- 4 Avoid colours that are too loud and patterns that are too wild. Either one of these things will make you stand out in

a bad way.

5. Keep the weather in mind. You should choose clothing that's appropriate to the season in order to be as comfortable as possible. Be sure to also check the weather report the day of the wedding, so you'll know if you should wear a coat or bring an umbrella.
6. Find out what other guests will be wearing. If you can match your style of dress to that of other people who will be attending the reception, you will rarely go wrong.
7. Ask the bride or groom what you should wear. This method is fool proof. It should also be used as a last resort, unless you're very close with either member of the happy couple. However, if the invitation doesn't give you any clues and the other guests aren't talking to you, then this is your best option.

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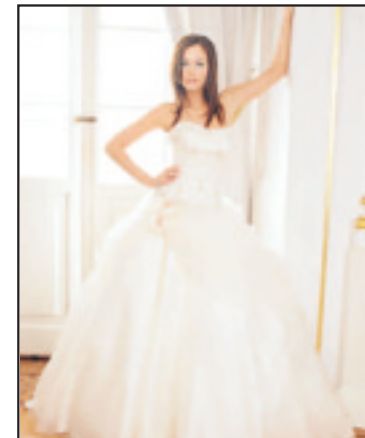
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MP officially opens retirement complex

BISHOPS Court, the new Yarlington Housing Group retirement living complex, in Chard, was officially opened by David Laws MP on Friday, October 9th.

Attended by the mayor and deputy mayor of Chard, representatives from South Somerset District Council, Taunton Deane Adult Social Care and partnership companies and the residents, there was a party atmosphere with a cream tea by the team from Sweet Thoughts of Ilminster who have the franchise on the communal tea room.

The 62 self-contained flats will house a total of 70 residents. Construction started in February 2009 and deputy mayor Dave Bulmer, the ward member for the area said he was pleased to see it finally open after many months of complaint from local residents. Some of those who moved into the accommodation over the last three weeks had been resistant at first but said they were actually very happy with the change. One gentleman said it was like living in a hotel, except you got to make your own meals.

The idea of moving the residents into a sheltered complex, which was not a care home, was to have a gated community for security, and communal facilities on site including a hairdresser, but also freeing the individual homes some of the retired community were living in, for the use of families. The two storey building was on the site of 12 bungalows and is phase three of a four phase regeneration of the area.



■ **DISTRICT Councillor Ric Pallister, Yarlington Housing Group chairman Roger Powell, David Laws MP, Councillor Jill Shortland Mayor of Chard, Councillor Garry Shortland and Deputy Mayor Councillor Dave Bulmer**



■ **WORKING HARD: The Sweet Thoughts team who catered for a huge gathering**

Chief executive of Yarlington, Michael Kay, welcomed everyone and thanked all their supporters and particularly the residents for their patience. Before unveiling the plaque Mr Laws thanked Yarlington for investing in the improvement of the housing stock in the area

and the facility itself which he said was fantastic. He joked that he was concerned about the security arrangements when he read the brochure which said no one will enter the building unauthorised and be able to pester the residents. He said he wanted assurance that this did not

include Members of Parliament and councillors canvassing, or it could catch on.

Later on there was entertainment for the residents by Barry Paull as Elvis, much to the delight of resident Christine Vanstone, a huge Elvis fan who was celebrating her birthday.



New group for patients

■ **ACTING FOR ALL: Ilminster Patient Participation Group officers**

A NEW Patient Participation Group for Ilminster has a main aim of promoting health by fostering the highest possible standard of primary care through the medium of patient participation

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Specific areas for the new group's initiatives include: assisting in identifying and assessing relevant community needs; advising on and assisting with health

education; sustaining a dialogue with the practices on relevant organisational policies and finally being an active communications channel.

The group may be contacted via its website www.ilminsterppg.org.uk or through the chairman Ian Hawkins on 01460 298078 or the vice-chairman Dr Frank Green on 01460 57500.



■ **UNUSUAL LOVE STORY: The Wadham cast of Little Shop of Horrors**

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Clarke and puppeteer Jack Pearlstone) which he discovers while working in Mushnik's (played by Dan Bending) florist shop.

Woven into this is an inevitable romance with fellow shop assistant, ditzzy Audrey (Jade Laver). However the alliance is made more difficult by her boyfriend, sadistic dentist Orin (Sam Elswood) who is

unwilling to give her up without a fight.

Get set for a whirlwind of horror, glitz, romance, blood and laughs and be sure to stay on Seymour's good side or you might become the next meal. The show will run from Wednesday, November 3rd, to Saturday 6th. Tickets are on sale from Wadham School now.

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Celebrating the seasons through art

CHILDREN of Neroche primary School in Broadway created four panels to represent the seasons, which were hung in the parish church of St Aldhelm and St Eadburga after a special service of dedication.

Former headteacher and parish council chairman Sidney Painter initiated the idea to help brighten up the ancient church and to continue the tradition of each generation adding something to it.

The children paraded the panels for all to see before they were hung behind the altar.

Grace Baker and Megan Edwards presented the autumn panel and explained how they had all collected leaves from outside and looked at pictures of leaves then drawn their own with pastels and paints and stuck them down to make a collage but leaving the edges unstuck to make it look more real.

Lizzie Moulding and Shamus Baker presented the winter panel



■ **JOB WELL DONE:** Neroche School and the The Reverend Dr Andrew Tatham

by Marion Draper

which was inspired by the artist Lowry. The children drew stick people in a winter scene all with coloured woolly hats on.

Max Eaton and Martha Cosgrove explained how Beech class drew lots of spring pictures for ideas then made the spring panel

by felting layers of wool which were dampened and rolled out with a cane.

James Hobbs presented the summer pane made by Oak class. It had a huge sun burst created with paper mache to make it stand out and then painted with PVG glue to seal it

and make it shiny.

The Reverend Dr Andrew Tatham said: "A great big thank you to anyone who's had any part at all in this project.

"Each one is wonderful and very different to the other and together they are a great celebration of the four seasons."

Headteacher Jo Baker commented: "It's fabulous

to see the panels in situ. The children have worked very hard and well done to the readers, it is hard enough to read in church is quite daunting."

She thanked councillor Painter and church warden Roger Saunders for letting the school take part as they are keen to reach out more into the wider community.



■ **LOWRY INSPIRATION:** Lizzie Moulding and Shamus Baker presented the winter panel



■ **WOOLLY SPRINGTIME:** Martha Cosgrove and Max Eaton with Spring by Beech class



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Going Out Talk

Jet set for air-raising adventures at Ilminster's Meeting House

AIR Marshal Sir Christopher Coville, who was the RAF Commander with overall responsibility for the Red Arrows from 2001-2003, will be giving a fascinating insight into the world's premier aerobatic team - with rarely seen film and slides - at The Meeting House, Ilminster.

The talk - entitled 'Red Arrows: Aerial Excellence' - takes place on Wednesday, November 10th. Tickets are £6 with welcome drink and nibbles, and doors open at 7:30pm for an 8pm start.

Since the Red Arrows team was officially formed in 1965, they have completed over

4,000 displays in 53 countries and have become renowned throughout the world as ambassadors for both the Royal Air Force and the United Kingdom.

Many of the Red Arrows pilots and support staff have recently returned from Afghanistan and Iraq and many will be temporarily detached on operations overseas during their time with the Red Arrows.

Sir Christopher Coville was born in Liverpool in 1945 and joined the RAF in 1964 as a Flight Cadet.

After a long and distinguished career in the RAF he retired in

2003. He is now Chairman of Westland Helicopters Ltd.

So fasten your seat-

belts for a night flight of excitement and interest at Ilminster Arts Centre.



Going Out Gigs

Marina to sparkle in Bristol



MARINA and the Diamonds play The Anson Rooms at the University of Bristol on Monday, October 25th. Tickets cost £15 and the show begins at 7:30pm. Call 0117 9545800 for more details or bookings.

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Sunday, December 19th

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Sunday, January 19th 2011

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TOP blues act Paul Lamb and The Kingsnakes play The Barn @ Square + Compass at Windmill Hill, near Ilminster this Saturday (October 16th). Doors open at 8pm for a 9pm start. Food is available from 7pm (booking essential). Tickets for the gig are £10 each; for more information or to book, call 01823 480467.

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Going Out Comedy

Julian Clary comes to Yeovil

HIGHLY camp, rather risqué and a bona fide star of the stage, screen and television, Julian Clary brings his stand-up show to Yeovil's Octagon Theatre this weekend.

Julian has hosted and

taken part in a variety of comedy and game shows, and even reached the final of *Strictly Come Dancing* back in 2004.

Having already thrilled audiences at over a hundred sell out shows

across the UK, Australia and New Zealand, Julian has graciously agreed to extend his Lord of the Mince tour to bring even more joy to the people of Britain this autumn.

"I can't stop now - I'm 50. The shame of it! This will be an intimate evening - a celebration, no less, of my 25 years in the camp spotlight: how I got there and why I refuse to leave.

Tickets for the show on Saturday, October

16th (7:30pm) are £20 each. Call 01935 422884 to book.

THE Psychedelic Furs, led by singer and songwriter Richard Butler, along with bass playing brother Tim, won over fans and critics alike by combining poetic lyrics, innovative rhythms and melodies driven by an aggressive, punk desperation.

Through it all, the band scored major hits with 'Love My Way,' 'Pretty In Pink,' 'Heaven,' 'The Ghost

Going Out Gigs



Pretty in pink

In You,' and 'Heartbreak Beat.'

The Psychedelic Furs play at the Cheese and Grain, Frome on Sunday, October 24th.

Tickets are £12 in advance (including booking fee).

To book, telephone the box office on 01373 455420.



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Going Out Film

This week's new releases

THE Social Network ¹⁵ tells the surprising and controversial story behind the world's most popular social networking tool, Facebook.

On a fall night in 2003, Harvard undergrad and computer programming genius Mark Zuckerberg (played by Jesse Eisenberg) sits down at his computer and heatedly begins working on a new idea. In a fury of blogging and programming, what begins in his dorm room soon becomes a global social network and a revolution in communication. A mere six years and 500 million friends later, Mark Zuckerberg is the youngest billionaire in history... but for this entrepreneur, success leads to both personal and legal complications.

Released Friday, October 15th

UNIVERSAL'S hilarious first foray into 3D animated film **Despicable Me** ^{PG} sees voice roles from Steve Carell, Jason Segel, Russell Brand and Julie Andrews, as three little girls try to stop one evil man's plans.

In a happy suburban neighborhood surrounded by white picket fences with flowering rose bushes, sits a black house with a dead lawn. Unbeknownst to the neighbors, hidden beneath this home is a vast secret hideout. Surrounded by a small army of minions, we discover Gru (voiced by Steve Carell), planning the biggest heist in the history of the world. He is going to steal the moon. (Yes, the moon!)



Gru delights in all things wicked. Armed with his arsenal of shrink rays, freeze rays, and battle-ready vehicles for land and air, he vanquishes all who stand in his way. Until the day he encounters the immense will of three little orphaned girls who look at him and see something that no one else has ever seen: a potential Dad. The world's greatest villain has just met his greatest challenge: three little girls named Margo, Edith and Agnes.

Released Friday, October 15th

CINEMA LISTINGS

Friday, October 15th - Thursday, October 21st

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

TAUNTON ODEON

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Despicable Me in 3D ^U
Daily: 3:30pm 4:15pm
6:00pm 6:20pm 8:30pm
(plus 10:30am 1:00pm
2:00pm, Sat & Sun)

Despicable Me in 2D ^U
Sat & Sun: 11:45am

Vampires Suck ^{12A}

Daily: 3:10pm 5:10pm
7:20pm 9:10pm
(plus 1:00pm, Sat & Sun)

The Other Guys ^{12A}

Fri & Mon-Thur: 3:20pm

5:50pm 8:20pm

Sat & Sun: 5:50pm 8:20pm

The Social Network ^{12A}

Daily: 3:40pm 6:10pm 8:40pm

(plus 1:10pm, Sat & Sun)

Life As We Know It ^{12A}

Daily: 3:10pm 5:40pm 8:10pm

Made In Dagenham ¹⁵

Daily: 2:50pm 7:50pm

(plus 5:30pm Fri, Wed & Thu and

12:30pm & 5:30pm, Sat & Sun)

Wall Street: Money

Never Sleeps ^{12A}

Daily (not Thu): 3:00pm 8:00pm

The Death and Life of

Charlie St Cloud ^{12A}

Daily (not Thu): 5:50pm

(plus 12:40pm, Sat & Sun)

Eat, Pray, Love ^{PG}

Daily: 18:30pm

The Hole in 3D ^{12A}

Sat & Sun: 12:50pm

PREVIEWS

Alpha & Omega ^U

Sat & Sun only: 11:20am

1:20pm 3:20pm

Paranormal Activity 2 ^{TBC}

Thu only: 6:30pm 8:50pm

ODEON KIDS

The Karate Kid ¹⁵

Sat & Sun: 10:30am

The Last Airbender ^{PG}

Sat & Sun: 10:40am

Marmaduke ^U

Sat & Sun: 10:50am

Tooth Fairy ^{PG}

Sat & Sun: 11:00am

Shrek Forever After ^U

Sun only: 10:30am

LYME REGIS REGENT

Broad Street, Lyme Regis Tel: 0871 230 3200

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Despicable Me ^U

Daily: 5:20pm 7:45pm

(plus 2:50pm Sat & Sun)

YEovil CINEWORLD

Yeo Leisure Park, Old Station
Tel: 0871 200 2000
www.cineworld.co.uk

Despicable Me in 3D ^U

Daily: 12:40pm 1:40pm

3:10pm 4:10pm 5:30pm

6:30pm 8:00pm 9:00pm

(plus 10:15am 11:15am,

Sat & Sun)

Despicable Me in 2D ^U

Daily: 2:30pm 5:00pm

(plus 12noon, Sat & Sun)

The Death and Life of

Charlie St Cloud ^{12A}

Daily: 1:15pm 3:45pm 6:00pm

8:15pm

(plus 10:55am, Sat & Sun)

Wall Street: Money

Never Sleeps ^{12A}

Fri - Sun & Tue - Thu: 2:40pm

5:35pm 8:30pm

Mon: 2:40pm 8:30pm

Life As We Know It ^{12A}

Daily: 12:55pm 3:30pm 6:10pm

8:45pm (Audio Described)

[Sun 3:30pm & Mon 6:10pm -

Audio Described & Subtitled]

Buried ¹⁵

Fri & Mon - Wed: 12:35pm

7:20pm 9:35pm

Sat & Sun: 9:35pm

Thu: 12:35pm

The Other Guys ^{12A}

Daily: 1:50pm 4:30pm

7:00pm 9:30pm

(plus 11:20am, Sat & Sun)

The Social Network ^{12A}

Daily: 3:20pm 6:00pm 8:45pm

(plus 12:15pm, Sat & Sun)

The Hole in 3D ^U

Fri & Mon - Thu: 2:45pm

5:00pm

Sat & Sun: 7:20pm

Vampires Suck ^{12A}

Daily: 1:00pm 3:00pm

5:20pm 7:30pm 9:30pm

(plus 10:50am, Sat & Sun)

Made In Dagenham ¹⁵

Daily: 7:45pm

Marmaduke ^U

Sat & Sun: 12:30

PREVIEWS

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Paranormal Activity 2 ^{TBC}

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MOVIES FOR JUNIORS

Cloudy With A

Chance Of Meatballs ^U

Sat: 10:00

Space Chimps 2: Zartog

Strikes Back 2D ^U

Sat only: 10:10

Tooth Fairy ^{PG}

Sat only: 10:20

Staying In TV

Bieber to host Punk'd revival?

BIEBER TO HOST PUNK'D | Justin Bieber is set to be offered a deal to host a revival of MTV show Punk'd, according to reports.

The new series of the hidden camera show is expected to launch next year with original host Ashton Kutcher back as an executive producer.

MTV is said to be in the last stages of finalising a deal to bring back its signature series, Deadline and Vulture reported.

Punk'd ran for 69 episodes over four years before it was taken off air in 2007.

The show has played pranks on dozens of celebrities, including Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears, Katie Holmes and Matthew Perry.

Pop star Justin's recent forays into acting having included a guest stint on CSI and parts in Saturday Night Live skits.

GAMU DEPORTATION FIGHT | The lawyer representing X Factor reject Gamu Nhengu and her family has said she will appeal against plans to deport them.

The singer, who was booted off the show at the weekend, has been told she must return to her homeland of Zimbabwe after her mother's visa application was turned down.

But Frances Farrell said she was preparing to lodge an appeal to an immigration tribunal.

She said: "My client has lived here for eight years, always legally and on proper visas.

"I'm now certain there is grounds to put in an appeal."

Gamu and her family had been told they did not have a right of appeal and must leave the UK by their own accord or face deportation.

Her controversial axing from the X Factor last weekend caused a storm among viewers, with more than 240,000 fans signing up to a Facebook page called Gamu Should Have Got Through, in protest at judge Cheryl Cole's decision to leave Gamu out of the final 12.

Show bosses have already denied suggestions Cheryl was influenced by visa issues. A spokeswoman said: "We are supporting Gamu and her family during this difficult time."

Fans have also started a petition calling on the Government to "reconsider the deportation of Gamu Nhengu and her family". More than 1,300

people have signed it since it was set up yesterday.

The teenager's mother Nokuthula Ngazana had been allowed to stay in the UK while she studied at university, with Nhengu permitted to remain in the country as her dependant.

But Ms Ngazana's application to remain in the country was turned down, with the UK Border Agency saying it did not "meet all of the conditions for approval".

MAD MEN TO MOVE TO SKY | Sky has secured the exclusive UK broadcast rights to critically acclaimed drama Mad Men.

The news comes as the launch of Sky Atlantic HD is also announced, a new entertainment channel that will provide an exclusive home to all of HBO's new series in the UK and Ireland.

Stuart Murphy, director of programmes said that Mad Men, which will air on Sky Atlantic HD from the series' fifth season next summer, "has developed into a pop culture phenomenon with an extremely passionate fan base".

He added: "The series' scale and ambition complements our strategy for producing and acquiring cinematic television that, in turn, complements our fantastic library of movies. Innovative, high-quality content is worth paying for and the captivating world of Sterling Cooper will undoubtedly resonate with Sky's customers."

The new channel will also exclusively air brand new HBO series including Martin Scorsese's Prohibition-era drama Boardwalk Empire; highly-anticipated fantasy drama Game Of Thrones; Treme, from David Simon, co-creator of The Wire; horse-racing drama Luck starring Dustin Hoffman; and Mildred Pierce, featuring Oscar winner Kate Winslet.

Sophie Turner Laing, Sky's managing director of entertainment said: "Sky Atlantic HD will be an extraordinary TV channel. It will have compulsive television that pushes creative boundaries and tells great stories."

"The addition of Sky Atlantic completes a fantastic portfolio of entertainment channels including Sky1 HD, Sky Arts, Living and Sky Movies. Together, our channels will bring customers high-quality programming that is worth paying for."



● **MOVING ON** | Fans of Mad Men's Joan Holloway (Christina Hendricks) will soon have to tune into Sky

Going Out Gigs

ELIZA DOOLITTLE



RISING star Eliza Doolittle plays Bristol's Thekla on Saturday night. The back-to-basics singer-songwriter is making a big impression on the UK music scene at the moment.

But Eliza's been making music since the age of 10, growing up listening to old motown, hip-hop and pop music to become the embodiment of the modern day diva. Her self-titled album is out now.

Tickets are sold out but to check for returns telephone 0845 413 4444.

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weekenderlife DIARY DATES

WEDNESDAY 15TH - FRIDAY OCTOBER 17TH
WINSHAM: Winsham Art Club Annual Exhibition, Jubilee Hall. Preview on 15th 7pm - 9pm (tickets £3 on the door, to include refreshments). Exhibition continues on 16th 10am - 5pm, and 17th 10am - 4.30pm. Admission free. Pictures and cards for sale at reasonable prices. For more details telephone 01460 30379 for more details.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH
WHITELACKINGTON: Car Boot and Table Top Sale (disabled access) at Whitelackington Village Hall from 10am - 1pm. Telephone 01460 55606 for more details.
MISTERTON: Rock 'n' Roll the night away at Misterton Village Hall from 7.30-11pm to 60s, 70s and 80s music by local group *Junk Male* (who are performing free of charge to raise funds for the W.I. Hall Roof Fund). Tickets £10 (includes ploughmans supper and home made cake by the W.I. ladies). Over 18's only. Bar, dancing, raffle, prizes. Tickets from: 01460 76909/74982/78931.

CREWKERNE: Table Top Sale at Henhayes Centre, including meat raffle. 9am - 12noon (sellers from 8.30pm), £4 per table. Contact 01460 74340 for more details.

MONDAY OCTOBER 18TH
OVER STRATTON: Talk on 'The past, present and future of the cottage garden' by Neil Lovesey at the Village Hall, from 7.30pm-9pm. Organised by Over Stratton Gardening Club. Tel 01460 241626 for more info.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 19TH
CHARD: FILM - 'The Ghost' at the Guildhall, from 7pm for 7.30pm. Admission £5. Part of the Screen at the Guildhall season.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21ST
CREWKERNE: Quiz Night at Crewkerne Conservative Club from 8pm. Teams of 4 (max), 31 per person. Prizes and buffet. Telephone 01460 72474 to book your team, or just join on the night.

SEAVINGTON ST MARY: 'Pharoah's Birds' - An illustrated talk by John Wyatt at the Millennium Hall, from 7.30pm. Organised by RSPB Crewkerne & District. Members £2.50 / Non-members £3.50. Telephone 01460 240740.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22ND
CREWKERNE: Crewkerne and District Twinning Association AGM with cheese & wine at the Speedwell Club, from 7.30pm. Free to members and interested parties.

TATWORTH: Film: 'Invictus' at Tatworth Memorial Hall, organised by T&F Movies. Doors open 7.30pm, film from 8pm. Telephone 01460 220198 for more details.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23RD
CHARD: South Somerset Peace Group are holding a Peace Vigil in Holyrood Street, from 11am-12noon.
CHARD: Cash Bingo at Crowshute House. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.15pm. Telephone 01460 63525 for more details. Transport available.

TUESDAY OCTOBER 26TH
ILMINSTER: South Somerset Peace Group are holding a public meeting when John Gray, a local Quaker, will talk about 'Quaker Peace Testimony' at the Minster Rooms, from 7.30pm. All welcome - entry £2 including tea/coffee.

MERRIOTT: A Jolly Quiz Night with refreshments at the Tithe Barn, Church Street, from 7.30pm. Come along and have some fun - all welcome. Organised by Merriott Gardening Club. Telephone 01460 72298 for more information.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27TH
SOUTH PETHERTON: Event: Talk on 'Bridges, Bores and Brunel - A history of bridges and other structures on the River Parrett' by David Greenfield, at the Methodist Hall, from 7.30pm-9pm. Organised by South Petherton Local History Group. Telephone 01460 241626 for more information.

THURSDAY 28TH - SATURDAY OCTOBER 30TH
MISTERTON: Cabaret Time at Misterton Village Hall. 7 for 7.30pm start. Some adult content, tickets £7.50 adults, £4 children, includes light refreshments. Bar and good raffle each evening. Call 01460 77306 for more details and tickets.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6TH
CREWKERNE: Coffee Morning at the Heritage Centre, East Street from 10am-12.30pm.

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Radio 1 stage Klaxons' uni gig

The Haymaker Inn

Wadeford, Chard 01460 64161
Available from 24th November to 24th December

To Start

Homemade roasted red pepper and coriander soup drizzled with balsamic vinegar
Baked fillet of smoke salmon with a garlic and herb butter and fresh wild rocket
Chicken liver and pork pate served with a spiced apple chutney and toasted ciabatta
Grilled goats cheese tart served with mixed lettuce and a sun dried tomato dressing

To Follow

Roast Turkey, sage stuffing, roast potatoes, turkey gravy and traditional accompaniments
Homemade Beef Wellington with a rich red wine and port sauce topped with parsnip crisps
Griddled Tuna Steak with a cucumber and lime salsa and a piquant tomato sauce
Tossed tagliatelle in a basil pesto with goats cheese and oyster mushrooms

and Finally

Brandy soaked Christmas Pudding with a caramel and brandy sauce and clotted cream
Chocolate sponge with a chocolate and orange sauce served with vanilla ice cream
Iced strawberry parfait on a blackberry coulis served with chocolate chip and vanilla quenelles
A selection of local cheeses served with a variety of biscuits and homemade chutney

Bookings now being taken for Christmas Day
Call for more information - 01460 64161

Investing in your health!

JO CARNELL: "After having two children and putting on weight, my self-esteem and body image was at an all time low.

"Over the next few years I tried to lose weight myself by trying different diets which resulted in my weight yo-yoing up and down.

"I then joined Phoenix Fitness which in hindsight was the best thing I have ever done.

"I have never been to a more friendly gym where all the staff are so supportive and knowledgeable.

"They have helped me realise there is no such thing

as a quick fix answer to looking good, with the support of everyone here and with my goals continually re-assessed I am now in the shape of my life.

"I have never enjoyed exercise so much, the classes and the personal training available to all gym members at no extra cost help keep me motivated.

"My eating habits have also changed with the help and continued monitoring of my personal trainer.

"I am still able to live life and don't have to give up any of the treats I enjoy, I have learnt how to get the balance right between exercise and moderating my diet.

"I would never have believed all this was possible unless I had experienced it myself. Changing my habits has been a lot easier with the help, understanding and support I have found at Phoenix Fitness."



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■ KLAXONS play The Anson Rooms at the University of Bristol on Thursday, October 21st.

The band have recently released their hotly anticipated new album, *Surfing The Void*, the follow-up to their Mercury Music Prize winning 2007 debut, *Myths Of The Near Future*.

Their Bristol show is part of BBC Radio One's Student Tour; the band headline their own string of gigs next month, including a concert at Bournemouth's O2 Academy on November 13th.

Tickets for the Bristol gig cost £14; call 0117 9545800 for more details / bookings, or visit www.seetickets.com

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■ A LANDMARK of 20th century theatre, *The Caretaker* has amused, shocked and fascinated audiences for 50 years and on October 22nd, Bridport Arts Centre welcomes London Classic Theatre to perform it as part of their continued Pinter celebrations.

The renowned London Classic Theatre company, now celebrating its 10th year on tour, have been receiving outstanding reviews for their restrained production of Pinter's study of loneliness and power games.

The story revolves around Davies (Nicholas Gasson), a vagrant who also goes under the name of Jenkins.

"As far as I'm concerned, *The Caretaker* is funny, up to a point. Beyond that point, it ceases to be funny, and it was because of that point that I wrote it."
- Harold Pinter

Down on his luck, he has been taken under the wing of Aston (Richard Stemp), a man who is psychologically damaged and who offers Davies a bed and a roof over his head.

The tension escalates when Aston's thuggish but articulate brother Mick (Nicholas Gadd) enters the fray.

A must-see for anyone with a love of theatre, tickets are still available priced £12 (£8 conc) from the box office on 01308 424204 or via online booking at www.bridport-arts.com



London Classic Theatre revive a Pinter classic

Can you give a home to Brandon or Joby?



FERNE Animal Sanctuary is set in glorious countryside on the outskirts of Chard. Founded in 1939, the Sanctuary originally looked after pets of servicemen and women who were fighting for their country.

Sadly, many did not return and the search began to find new homes for these pets. As time went by other animals needed a refuge and today the sanctuary cares for 300 domestic and farm animals and birds.

Ferne takes in and rehomes dogs and cats within a 30 mile radius of the sanctuary. Animals are taken in for various reasons including family break up, bereavement, poor health.

Some animals are simply abandoned at Ferne's gate. Others are found hurt or hungry and may have been badly treated. They all need food, shelter and some will require medical attention.

When we rehome animals we keep in touch with them for the rest of their lives and offer support to their new owners if needed. No healthy animal is ever destroyed, so other animals remain at the sanctuary.

People can visit the sanctuary and enjoy a walk around the grounds on every day apart from Christmas and New Year. We always need financial support or support in other ways such as volunteers to help walk dogs.

More importantly we need new homes for cats and dogs. Currently Joby, pictured right, a four year old, black, ex-racing greyhound is needing a home where there are no other animals. He is a lovely dog and is loyal and trusting. Brandon, pictured left, a playful four year old black cat is also looking for a new home. He prefers to be in a home where he is the only cat and is quite a character.



Cycling singers comes to Martock

SONGCYCLE, the all singing all cycling male voice quartet from Essex, are coming to Martock on Thursday, October 28th as part of their seventh West Country Tour.

SongCycle was formed in 1996 following the four founder members first combined entry into the Friends of Essex Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride. As well as raising money for charity by cycling from church to church, they sang a different four part motet in

each one and have continued to do so every year, having raised just over £22,100 to date.

Since inception SongCycle has progressed to singing in a variety of styles which is not barbershop, more like The King's Singers, and their repertoire ranges from the sacred motets and canticles which they sing in cathedrals and churches to popular music by composers such as Lennon and McCartney and Billy Joel.

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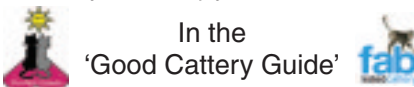
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Aston Martin Cygnet confirmed for production

ASTON MARTIN is pleased to confirm that the Cygnet luxury city car – originally shown as a concept car in March – is to go into production in 2011 at the company's Gaydon headquarters in Warwickshire.

The Aston Martin Cygnet is a city car that sets a new benchmark for compact luxury, building upon nearly a century of experience building high performance sports cars, luxurious long-range grand tourers, and extremely competitive racing machines.

Cygnet demonstrates Aston Martin's commitment to innovation and integrity.

"It is time to think differently. Aston Martin is honest and we don't make compromises" says Aston Martin CEO Dr Ulrich Bez.

"Whatever we do, we do right. If we do performance, we do performance; we don't downsize or compromise our sports cars. The Cygnet needs to satisfy the demands of emissions and space. It is a car without compromise, just like every other Aston Martin.

"Our customers need a small car for

urban and city use, and they want the right tools for the right job, to downsize creatively without compromising intelligence, artistry and personality."

Cygnet expresses a simple but fundamental idea: in the modern city, scale equates to speed and freedom. At just three metres long, the Cygnet gives the driver a new dimension of freedom, able to slot into gaps in traffic, exploit the smallest parking spaces, consume the least fuel and emit the lowest emissions, all while delivering exceptional levels of quality and comfort.

"Cygnet is small but luxurious, an Aston Martin tailor fit for the city," says Marek Reichman, Aston Martin's Director of Design. With an almost unlimited palette of materials, colours and textures, each hand-finished Cygnet will be truly unique, a personalised space within the city. "Luxury is not constrained by scale."

Cygnet is a product of Aston Martin's unrivalled experience in craft, technology and design. The future city will present a very different luxury brand landscape, as social change and legislation increases the division

between urban and anti-urban product categories. With the Cygnet, Aston Martin will be at the forefront of these changes, ensuring the company's enduring brand image will continue to prosper in new market conditions.

Dr Ulrich Bez continues: "The Cygnet is designed to support our sports cars by providing a greater degree of freedom in the urban context; it is a very special car, a premium but compact package with heart, soul and personality."

The Cygnet, a tailor fit solution for the city, will help drive Aston Martin into the future. "This car is reality; Cygnet is the natural choice for those who want a premium, bespoke commuter car."

Further details on the Aston Martin Cygnet including pricing and specification will be announced later this year. The Cygnet will be the eighth major production car Aston Martin has introduced at its state-of-the-art factory since 2004, offering further evidence of the company's ongoing commitment to British manufacturing, backed-up by a dedicated local workforce and supplier network.



UK tops the EU road safety league

With 2009 fatality figures showing the UK to be the safest country in Europe, the IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) encourage the whole of the continent to sustain the efforts made so far, in celebration of the 3rd European Road Safety Day.

Neil Greig, IAM Director of Policy and Research said: "On European Road Safety Day it is lovely to be sitting in the position we're in. However, the main objective now is to keep up the progress we have already made, and continue this strong trend in the reduction of road deaths.

"We fully support the European Commission's Road Safety Action Plan, and are excited by the challenge of helping to halve road deaths in the by EU by 2020. We especially applaud the target to promote continuous post-licence training for non-professional drivers, something we started, and have championed in the UK for over 50 years."

In January 2010, the IAM released their report 'Older Drivers- Safe or Unsafe?' which highlights the need identified by the European Commission to maintain older people's aptitude for driving, as a result of an ageing European population. Mr Greig continues: "Our report found that in the next 20 years, the number of male drivers over 70 will double, and that of female drivers treble. Post-licence training needs to be encouraged across the board, from increasing the experience of new drivers, to keeping older drivers independent and on the road."

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Somerset Junior Cup: Last 64 draw

SOUTH Petherton begin their defence of the Somerset Junior Cup with a trip to Bristol to take on Bristol & Suburbs League side Parson Street Old Boys.

Crewkerne Town's reward for a fine win over Saltford is a home tie against Bath Arsenal.

◆ The draw (PSDL teams only); Weston St Johns Sportsbar v Merriott Rovers, Frome Town Sports v Perry Street, Combe Reserves v Castle Cary, Parson Street Old Boys v South Petherton, Crewkerne Town v Bath Arsenal.

Rangers score six - wedding belles

CHARD Rangers decidedly indifferent start to the season (P4 L4) maybe attributed to an unusual amount of weddings and associated social gatherings.

Manager Justin Mason explained: "We have had Ben Chubb, Kev Bird, Mike Bagg, Darren Murphy all tie the knot within the last month and Steve Chick and Scott Massey getting wed in the next month!

"There have obviously been a lot of stag-dos, honeymoons and the actual weddings themselves - it's certainly caused one or two team selection headaches."

Division One Cup

LAST years' runners-up Netherbury have booked their place, along with Lyme Regis Reserves, in the semi-finals of the Division One Cup.

The Ambers will face the winner of tomorrow's Norton Athletic v Crewkerne Town quarter-final tie. Meanwhile Lyme will entertain either Perry Street Reserves or Millwey Rise.

Top Scorers

PREMIER: Scott Jennings (Merriott Rovers) 10, Marcus Alexander (South Petherton) 9, Julien Simier (Lyme Regis) 5
DIVISION ONE: Tim Hussey (Hawthorn United) 7, Stuart Packer (Thorncombe) 6, Ashley Rose (Norton Athletic) 6, Kev Rowson (Perry Street Reserves) 5.

DIVISION TWO: Simon Denslow (Crewkerne Rangers), Alex Cottle (Uplyme) 7, Josh Hunter (Beaminster Res), Adam Neale (Uplyme) 6.

DIVISION THREE: Marco Quedas (Luso-Chard) 11, Neil Hawkins (Misterton Res), Ricky Anderson (Chard United) 6.

DIVISION FOUR: Ashley Cooper (W & M Chinnock Res), Jay Stewart (Combe B) 9. (Excludes Chard Hospital Cup).

Street stat watch

■ SOUTH Petherton's last four meetings with Merriott Rovers have resulted in four wins and a 19-0 goal aggregate. Omnious.

■ Misterton Reserves are on their best run for 18 months (five consecutive wins). Promotion.

STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE
reporting on the
Perry Street League



Are Merriott Rovers ready to challenge the big three?

THE 57th Coronation Cup competition reaches its quarter-final stage tomorrow with the two favourites - Beaminster and Lyme Regis kept apart by the draw.

Beaminster, fresh from what could prove to be a crucial 1-0 Premier Division victory over Lyme, entertain Ilminster Town Reserves at the Memorial Ground.

The Blues make the trip on something of a mini-slump, having lost their last two outings, and will be clear underdogs - but don't count Rob Sutton's team out without a fight.

Cup holders Lyme Regis travel to Combe Reserves as clear favourites despite last weekend's slip-up - the first on their travels for two years.

The Seaside, with the Chard Hospital Cup already residing at the Davey Fort, look set to shuffle their pack with Manager Robin Townsend ruing a formation change that backfired at Beaminster.

The Saints go into the game with nothing to lose. A wretched start to the season has seen a losing run extended to nine games and the likelihood of a relegation battle ahead.

West & Middle Chinnock venture into the competition for the first time when they visit Farway United. Like Combe, the Chinnocks have had a tough start in the opening exchanges. Last season's results against the Devonians will be of scant consolation to Nick Eckland's troops - 11 goals shipped in two defeats.

The remaining tie appears to the closest to call with Perry Street making the trip to the bowling-green surface at Barrington's Shelway Lane.

The hosts, looking to put their name on the trophy for the first time, have had a poor time of it on their own turf of late having lost their last six matches and this may just be a good time for the Mothers, back under the guidance of Dave Ellis, to come a calling.

PREMIER
THE top division looks to be heading for a very healthy four-way race. Two of the big guns meet at Lightgate Lane.

With rivals Beaminster and Lyme Regis embroiled in cup-tie action South Petherton have the perfect opportunity to put daylight and more importantly six points between themselves and the chasing pack.

Standing in Pethy's way are second-placed Merriott. The resurgent Rovers, down to one side this season, have clearly got a new lease of life under new boss Martin Case and could prove to be real handful for the league leaders.

DIVISION ONE
THORNCOMBE and Winsham maybe in different counties but when the two collide there is no doubt that this is one of the PSDL's more meaningful local derbies.

The Thorns have just one win under their belts so far and Winsham, who have had the best of the recent history between the sides, currently head the division. But this will count for little tomorrow as both teams look to bounce back from disappointing Division One Cup exits last weekend at the hands of Netherbury and Lyme Reserves respectively.

Expect Netherbury to make ground near the

top. The Ambers travel across West Dorset to take on struggling Charmouth - Tim Hussey will be preparing to fill his boots!

Since their relegation in 2006-07 Forton Rangers have never lost to tomorrow's opponents Lyme Regis Reserves.

Forton crushed Norton 5-0 last weekend. However the Seaside, who have blown hot and cold this season, could well take something from the game.

Ilminster Colts visit the infamous First Avenue slope at Millwey Rise. It won't be easy, the Devonians have made a good start to life back in division one and haven't lost a league game at home for 18 months.

DIVISION TWO
BEAMINSTER Reserves came within minutes of ending a similar record last weekend as they led Shepton Beauchamp, unbeaten at Brimgrove

lane in the league for a year, 2-0 with just six minutes left on referee Steve White's clock.

But the hosts showed resilience to battle back to level with Kris Hastings, back in the fold after a spell with Crewkerne Town, notching the second.

This weekend it's Crewkerne Rangers turn to take on league leaders Beaminster in a game that looks full of goals.

Meanwhile Shepton will be targetting three points and maybe an early season top two spot when they entertain Chard Rangers still without a point after a hectic early season (see *Street Digest*, left).

South Petherton Reserves are also still hunting down their first league win of the campaign. Barry Kench's side, boosted by the addition of Karl Diment who has stepped down from the rigors of the first team, head over the border to face Hawkchurch United.

Finally, Dowlish & Donyatt entertain Hinton in a fixture that normally guarantees both goalkeepers will be kept busy.

DIVISION THREE
MISTERTON Reserves' 100 per cent record will be challenged by Farway Reserves tomorrow. The Devonians have been poor on the road - losing on their seven away trips - put your money on the hosts.

THIS WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

Saturday, October 16th

Coronation Cup Quarter-finals (2pm)
Barrington v Perry Street
Beaminster v Ilminster Town Reserves
Combe St Nicholas Reserves v Lyme Regis
Farway United West & Middle Chinnock

Division One Cup Quarter-final (2pm)
Norton Athletic v Crewkerne Town

PREMIER



■ **RIDING HIGH:** Perry Street Reserves currently going well in second place in Division One. Line-up, back row from left; Kev Rowson, Tony Harwood, Rob Harding, Jamie Best (captain), Mike Barry, Jay Bailey, Craig Hardy, Gary Male. Front; Danny Wiseman, Ian Hilton, Ben Stevens, Seb Martin, Lee Seymour, Chris Warry.

Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

Crewkerne Reserves edged past Chard United last weekend in a personal triumph for Aaron Hodges who scored all four in a 4-3 win. The Tigers welcome Combe A, without an away win in almost a year, to Henhayes.

Luso-Chard, the joint top scorers in the entire league should bag a few more tomorrow when they visit Drimpton.

A 4-2 home defeat at the hands of Lyme Bantams means Winsham Reserves will be still seeking their first point of the season when they entertain Millwey Reserves at Baker's Field.

DIVISION FOUR
WEST & Middle Chinnock Reserves have taken to the league like a duck to water.

The league's newest team are currently top of Division Four after thrashing Barrington Reserves 5-1. The Chinnocks welcome Shepton Reserves to the Oxleaze slope tomorrow.

Barrington meanwhile face a trip to another form team in Combe B. The Saints, with Jay Stewart taking his tally to nine with hat-trick, crushed Hawkchurch Reserves 6-1 last weekend.

Chard Rangers Reserves looked to be on course to break their points duck on Saturday when they led 10-man Waytown Hounds 2-1. The Hounds, who had goalkeeper Bill Fleet red-carded on the half-hour, regrouped and leveled before substitute Matt Read converted a last kick penalty to earn a 3-2 win.

Rangers will try again when Thorncombe Reserves, fresh from a Dorset Minor cup hammering - 6-0 at Cerne Abbas, visit Jocelyn Park.

South Petherton v Merriott Rovers

DIVISION ONE
Charmouth v Netherbury
Forton Rangers v Lyme Regis Reserves
Millwey Rise v Ilminster Town Colts
Thorncombe v Winsham United

DIVISION TWO
Crewkerne Rangers v Beaminster Reserves
Dowlish & Donyatt v Hinton St George
Hawkchurch United v South Petherton Reserves
Shepton Beauchamp v Chard Rangers

Uplyme v Pymore

DIVISION THREE
Chard United v Lyme Regis Bantams
Crewkerne Town Reserves v Combe A
Drimpton v Luso-Chard

DIVISION FOUR
Chard Rangers Res v Thorncombe Reserves
Combe B v Barrington Reserves
Ilminster Town A v Hawkchurch United Res
Waytown Hounds v Chard United Reserves
W & M Chinnock Res v Shepton Beau Res

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**Weekender Sport puts referee and PSDL secretary
Bob Brunt ... ON THE SPOT - see page 31**



RUGBY REVIEW

Triple joy for Crewkerne?

CREWKERNE, having secured their first win of the season on October 2nd, made it two from two last weekend. The question is, can they make it three of a kind when they take on TOR seconds at Henhayes tomorrow.

Having given this poser some thought, I would certainly answer in the affirmative and, having seen them demolish Ivel Barbarians 2nds on Saturday, can list reasons for my answer. They carry well and move the ball before contact. When grounded they make it available. Their pack will give most in their division a game in scrum and lineout, and they have pace out wide.

Of course their predominantly young side lacks experience and is still learning, but it showed me enough good things to make me confident of my prediction.

Note: The referee called a halt to the Ivel Barbarians v Crewkerne game with 20 minutes left for play. Presumably this was to save the home side taking further punishment. While understanding his reasoning, one wonders just how a close finish as regards the promotion/relegation positions at the season's end would be affected.

After narrowly losing what they would recognise as one of

By Keith Jenkin

their most difficult games of the campaign Saturday, CHARD now have a chance to comeback, recognise that all is not lost, and get their promotion push back on track when they entertain IMPERIAL tomorrow.

Their opponents, newly promoted as they are, have not adjusted to life in the Somerset Premier League all that well, and lie at its foot as a consequence. I chanced to watch the visitors a couple of seasons ago and seem to remember that they had a useful rolling maul but displayed little else as an attacking play.

They will lead rather more than that if they are to inconvenience the Denning Field brigade who will certainly be hoping that dame fortune smiles on them rather than frowns as she did last weekend.

Their tribulations on that occasion included an injury sustained on the coach while travelling to the ground, a massive knock-on by Hornets in the build up to their winning try, see by all, bar the official; and the final ten minutes when they dom-

inated but could not score.

They will be ruining the taking of several wrong options also. I predict a bonus point win for them against Imperial, with complacency being their greatest danger.

The CHARD 2nd side, riding high at the top of Somerset League Division Two (South) after a decisive win on Saturday last, do have a little tester when they visit their Minehead Barbarians counterparts, for their hosts lie very much in the top half of the division.

Chard are going well throughout their senior sides at the moment however, with people returning from injury and I think that they will win this one.

As to the CHARD 3rd side, they are probably a pretty frustrated bunch for, having been awarded a walkover by opponents, Wellington 3rds last Saturday, find that they have no game on Saturday next. There an odd number of sides in the Somerset League Division Three (South) and it is their turn to miss out.

FIXTURES 16th October: Chard v Imperial, Minehead Barbarians 2nd v Chard 2nd, Crewkerne v Tor 2nd.

FOOTBALL - SOMERSET SENIOR

Big two weeks ahead for Chard

By Howard Larcombe

CHARD Town manager Glynn Shaw was rueing the loss of Danny Cleal ahead of tomorrow's Toolstation Division One visit by Shrewton United.

Defensive midfielder Cleal, who is due to celebrate his 20th birthday next week, was felled by an Almondsbury opponent in Saturday's 1-1 draw played out in front of the lowest attendance, just 20, in the entire league this season.

The tackle, which wasn't deemed a foul by referee Daniells incised Shaw and Cleal's team mates, many of whom stopped play to see to their stricken colleague who it was feared at the time may have suffered a broken leg. To make matters worse the hosts went on to take the lead in a move stemming from the incident.

Cleal, who has just recovered from a broken arm sustained in the summer, has since been advised the injury is in fact heavy bruising which will keep him sidelined for several weeks.

The point does at least end a barren three-game run on the road for the Robins. Shaw told *Weekender Sport* that due to unavailability he may possibly be forced into as many as four changes ahead of tomorrow's clash which he sees as a crucial game: "With Hengrove and Merthyr up next we really need to take something from the Shrewton game.

We've had some terrible luck with injuries and it's putting a strain on numbers - the Reserves already have a pretty thin squad.

With the Somerset Premier Cup-tie with Taunton set for November 2nd it's a big couple of weeks for the club."

■ **ILMINSTER TOWN:** The Blues have a giant-killing in their sights tomorrow as the entertain Somerset Premier Division outfit Minehead at the Rec.

However, the hosts hardly head into the cup-tie in buoyant mood having had their winless run extended to four games following a disappointing 4-2 defeat at the hands of in-form West St Johns who are now unbeaten in six.

Minehead have made a stuttering start to life back down in the Somerset League and are languishing in 14th place following their relegation from Toolstation Western League Division One.

Player-Manager Darren Manley still has injury concerns over goalkeeper Chris May (finger) and the hamstring



■ **STEP UP | Ilminster**
Town winger Dan Vining



■ **GOAL | Ben Haines** -
on target for Combe

pair of Rob Webb and Alex Paul, but is able to welcome back Sam Maxwell from suspension. "No disrespect to those lads who have stood in between the sticks but we've really missed Chris (May), hopefully he'll be ok for next weekend" said Manley who stressed he is looking for the positives from his side rather than worrying too much about the opposition.

The injuries have given opportunities to the likes of Dan Vining and Simon Manley, as Manley explained: "Dan has progressed through the Colts and Reserves and done well for me. My brother (Simon) has added some much needed experience to the side."

Manley also confirmed that striker Ian Masters would play a part for one of the Blues' sides as he continues his recovery from a knee ligament injury.

■ **COMBE St NICHOLAS:** A comfortable 3-1 victory at Bristol-based Cutters Friday sees Combe line-up a League Cup last 16 tie at the winners of tomorrow's clash between Timsbury Athletic Reserves and Shepton Mallet Reserves.

The Saints, who are without a game tomorrow eased through last Sturday thanks to goals from Adam Tovey, his fourth of the season, Ben Haines and Scott Wells-Burr who converted his second penalty in as many weeks.

Combe manager Ivor Hutchings is pleased to see Andy Stevenson back in action, and amongst the goals, at Forton Rangers. "I haven't given up hope on getting Andy back with us. I plan to give him another call, but I guess he's enjoying his time playing alongside his mates, maybe it's a case of getting his confidence back - he suffered a pretty bad knee ligament injury."

Golfers in the buff for charity

A SHORT while ago Windwhistle Golf Club event organiser Sarah Wills decided on putting together a fund-raising scheme for a Prostate cancer charity.

When it was decided that a nude calendar of some of the members was to be the focus of her idea the next step was to find out who was prepared to bare all for the good cause.

After a lengthy screening process conducted by Sarah the lucky team were selected. Pictures were taken in a variety of poses on and around the 15th green in glorious sunshine and warm conditions. It took a little time to get everybody ready but after a

couple of drinks for Dutch courage the clothes soon started to come off. With their modesty hidden by an array of golfing equipment all seemed to be going well until a group of visiting golfers approached the green and shooting had to stop.

What lasting impressions were left in their minds when they saw a dozen naked men in the middle of their game can only be guessed but lets hope they are over the worst of it!

Sarah would like to thank all those would-be models who took part in event (Paul Davies, Mark Wills, Paul Bennett, Jon Lord, James Foulger, Mike Wilkes, Mike Donohue, Alun Brun, Neil Rogers, Paul Fenton, Andy King and Pete Hamilton-Walsh) and looks forward to screening through the pics to make sure that nothing that goes to press will offend in any way.

The calendar will be available for purchasing shortly at a cost of £5. Anybody wishing to get their hands on this priceless piece of local sporting art can do so by either waiting until they hit the shops or by requesting a copy directly from the Windwhistle Golf Club.



■ **BAREING ALL FOR CHARITY |**
Windwhistle golfers assemble for their calendar photoshoot.

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Bob Buckler racing news

BOB Buckler's yard are just getting up and running as the main part of the jumping season bursts into action, and whilst none of the three that ran last week made the frame, Buckler was generally pleased with their form.

Ten-year-old **Clyffe Hanger** gave the best performance in the Class 2 Daybreak Dairies Novices' Chase at Chepstow over three miles. Against the four top rated horses in the original declaration including Paul Nicholls evens favourite Watamu Bay, he finished a very creditable fourth.

He was in the mix until he hit the fifth last, but after briefly rallying, he weakened to finish 14 lengths down on the winner.

"I'm delighted. A brilliant run against four horses rated much higher than him."

Despite finishing sixth in the Class 2 Rhys Howells Memorial Handicap Chase over three miles on the same card, Buckler was pleased with **Cullahill's** efforts.

"He was there about until he made a mistake down the back and got outpaced as he recovered, but he stayed on to finish well."

Flag Flier was a little disappointing when finishing fourth out of ten in the Lindley Catering Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Hurdle over three miles at Ffos Las on Sunday.

"Although she was fairly long in the betting I expected a bit more from her. She lost her place before recovering and looking to challenge three out but faded."

One of the yard's big guns **Double Dizzy** makes his first appearance since falling in the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse in April when he goes in the Class 2 sport-ingbet.com Handicap Chase at Cheltenham on Friday.

Chard continue to improve

MINEHEAD LADIES 6 CHARD LADIES 1st 3

LAST year Chard Ladies Hockey side lost the corresponding fixture 9-3, so this defeat might suggest a marked improvement writes Trevor Goss.

However the scoreline flattered the hosts somewhat, as although they undoubtedly had more possession, they relied for several goals on an effective short corner routine and generous umpiring.

That Chard found themselves 3-0 down after 15 minutes was a travesty as the game had flowed from end to end. Debutant keeper, Anna Dewick, made two excellent saves only for forwards to react quickest as Chard's defence started slowly, but once they got into their stride Chard always looked threatening going forward and reasonably solid at the back. Lyndsay Blackshaw and Kate Dykes began making incisive breaks from midfield, and McDermott and the impressive Aimee Dellow linked together well to create opportunities.

Initially these were spurned, but some great individual skill from Dellow and a typical McDermott poacher's finish got Chard right back into the match. Unfortunately as the visitors pushed forward they allowed space for Minehead to exploit, conceding two more before half-time.

The second-half began with Minehead in the ascendancy, but a superb break between McDermott and Blackshaw saw the latter calmly lift the ball over the prone keeper to make the score 5-3.

Again Chard looked to push forward, Dellow making good use of her pace and close control to carve out several chances, but were caught once more from a short corner.

Although defeated, Chard will take a number of positives from the game, and some of the performances, especially from very young players, bodes well for the future.

Bowls round-up

■ **DONYATT:** Donyatt bowlers have two fixtures this week. Tomorrow (2pm) there is a trip to Taunton Deane for a 3 mixed friendly. It's the same format the following day for a home match when North Petherton are the visitors.

Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom



Skivo: I think we've turned the corner

LUKE Freeman's goal at Spotland last Saturday earned Yeovil Town their first consecutive away wins under the stewardship of Terry Skiverton.

New boys Rochdale, celebrating promotion after 36 years in the bottom division had made a good start to season, but the Glovers followed up their success at Walsall the previous week with another 1-0 victory that sees them move up to 17th in the npower League One table.

Yeovil were under the cosh for long periods of the game but some superb defending ensured back to back clean sheet, something that pleased Skiverton.

"The key today was the resilience we showed in defence and throughout midfield. We defended like lions, and I think we were worthy winners in the end, and we are starting to meet the targets we're setting ourselves."

"I think we've turned the corner now after results earlier in the season."

The victory will give a lift to everybody at the club, but not least Skiverton who it is rumoured was close to being shown the door at Huish Park had his charges not avoided defeat against Southampton.

This Saturday the Glovers host one of the past giants of British football Sheffield Wednesday. One of the oldest professional clubs in the world, and the third oldest in the English league, the Owls were one of the founding members

Victory will give a lift to everybody at the club

of the Premier League in 1992. Despite their demise in recent years, they are still one of the best supported sides outside of the top division, and visit Huish Park currently in fifth position.

Republic of Ireland striker Clinton Morrison, Jamaican international Jermaine Johnson and England Under 21 goalkeeper Nicky Weaver are all expected to be in the squad for Saturday's game.

■ **CENTRAL** defender Paul Huntingdon has been named in the official Football League 'Team of the Week' for the second time this season following his performance against Rochdale last week.

Huntingdon, who joined the Yeovil Town from Stockport in the summer, is the fourth different Glover to be named after John Sullivan (v Oldham), and Stephen Henderson and Nathan Smith (v Walsall).

■ **YEOVIL** Town Community Sports Trust have announced

a series of Soccer School courses during this season.

The schools will be held in the following locations: October 26-28 - Alvington Training Complex, Yeovil, *December 20/21 - Alvington Training Complex, Yeovil, April 11-13 - Alvington Training Complex, Yeovil

April 11-13 - Wyke Primary School, Gillingham, April 18-20 - Alvington Training Complex, Yeovil, July 26-28 - Wyke Primary School, Gillingham, August 2-4 - Alvington Training Complex, Yeovil (Junior Glovers only), August 16-18 - Alvington Training Complex, Yeovil (Junior Glovers only), Courses cost £45 (Junior Glovers £30) except * which is £20.

Two courses or two children on one course cost £75 or three courses or three children on the same course £110.

■ **SHAUN McDonald** made his debut for Wales against Switzerland on Tuesday night when he came on a substitute in the 88th minute of their UEFA European Championship qualifier in Basel which the hosts won 4-1.

McDonald on loan from Swansea, completes a mid-field line-up of full Welsh internationals alongside Gavin Williams, on loan from Bristol City, and Owain Tudor-Jones, who is currently on loan from Norwich City.

Swimming

CHARD and District Swimming Club competed in the recent Exeter Sprint Meet and were yet again successful in claiming the title of 'Top Visiting Club' and were rewarded a trophy for their efforts writes *Steph Hallam*.

Daniel Walker; 13 won all five of his events and achieved the 'Top Boy Trophy' overall. In the 50m Breaststroke senior final he finished in third position, his time of 33.35 enabled him to secure the 14 yrs and under club record for this event.

Whilst Luke van den Barselaar; 14 stormed the 50m backstroke event, finishing in bronze medal position, with a time of 29.93. He grasped the 14yrs and under club record previously held by Commonwealth Gold Medalist Matthew Clay. He also collected a (4th) position in the 50m Freestyle senior final and a (6th) position in the 50m Butterfly senior final.



IN FORM IN DEVON | Chard & District swimmers were voted best visiting club at the Exeter Sprint meeting.

Jake Hallam; 14 broke the 14yrs and under club record for the 50m Butterfly: 28.39 in the senior final, having improved on his time of 28.50 which he achieved, earlier in the competition. Jake achieved a bronze medal for this event and attained a (6th) finish for the 50m Backstroke senior final.

Alongside the trio of boys, Elisha Hawkins 10, Mollie Simpson 12 and Tessa Down 13 all qualified for junior or senior finals, each finishing in fifth place for their respective events. Elisha and Tessa in the 50m Breaststroke and Mollie in the 50m Freestyle.

Other individual wins from the heats came from Leo Kindred (50m Breaststroke), Charlie Kendall (100m IM), Elisha Hawkins (50m Breaststroke and 100m IM), Susan Ross (50m Freestyle), Tessa Down (50m Breaststroke and 100m IM), Hannah Pullinger (50m Breaststroke), and Luke van den Barselaar (50m Backstroke).

Medals were awarded to the top six swimmers in age groups 9 - 12 yrs (juniors), and to the top three swimmers in age groups 13 yrs, 14 yrs and 15 yrs and over (seniors).

The top six overall swimmers from the Junior and Senior heats then went through to finals for the 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly and 50m Breaststroke with the top three in each event being able to pick up Gold, Silver or a Bronze medal.

Heat Results:

50m Freestyle - 9 yrs: Leo Kindred (3rd). 10yrs: Elisha Hawkins (2nd), Charlie Kendall (4th). 11yrs: Susan Ross (1st), Jamie Pullinger (4th). 13yrs: Daniel Walker (1st), Tessa Down (4th). Abigail Dare (5th). 14yrs: Luke van den Barselaar (2nd). Jake Hallam (3rd). Hannah Pullinger (4th).

50m Breaststroke: 9yrs: Leo Kindred (1st). Aline Arnold (5th). Jessica Patch (6th). 10yrs: Elisha Hawkins (1st). Charlie Kendall (2nd). Tamsin Edge (3rd). 11yrs: Jamie Pullinger (3rd). 12yrs: Melissa Hanson (6th). 13yrs: Daniel Walker (1st). Tessa Down (1st). Abigail Dare (6th). 14yrs: Hannah Pullinger (1st). Luke van den Barselaar (5th).

50m Butterfly: 10yrs: Elisha Hawkins (2nd). Charlie Kendall (2nd). Bea Brett (6th). 11yrs: Susan Ross (4th). Jamie Pullinger (4th). Daniella Edge (6th). 13yrs: Daniel Walker (1st). Tessa Down (3rd). Abigail Dare (5th). 14yrs: Jake Hallam (2nd). Luke van den Barselaar (3rd).

50m Backstroke: 9yrs: Leo Kindred (4th). Jamie Hannaford (6th). 10yrs: Elisha Hawkins (2nd). Charlie Kendall (2nd). Bea Brett (6th). 11yrs: Jamie Pullinger (2nd). Susan Ross (4th). 13yrs: Daniel Walker (1st). Abigail Dare (3rd). Tessa Down (4th). Joe Spurway (6th). 14yrs: Luke van den Barselaar (1st). Jake Hallam (3rd). Hannah Pullinger (4th). 15yr & over: Beckie Rutherford (5th).

100m Individual Medley: 9yrs: Leo Kindred (2nd). 10yrs: Elisha Hawkins (1st). Charlie Kendall (1st). 11yrs: Jamie Pullinger (2nd). Susan Ross (5th). 13yrs: Daniel Walker (1st). Tessa Down (1st). Abigail Dare (4th). 14yrs: Jake Hallam (2nd). Luke van den Barselaar (4th). Hannah Pullinger (4th).

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■ COMBE St NICHOLAS FOOTBALL CLUB 50th ANNIVERSARY

Combe St Nicholas FC are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of their reformation back in 1960.

Past players are invited to attend a meal at the Square & Compass, Ashill on Saturday, October 23rd.

Club chairman/first team manager Ivor Hutchings said of the event: "This will be a great chance to meet up with old friends and team mates. Tickets are selling fast, we've heard from several of the players from 60s already, so please be quick."

Tickets (£15) and further information can be obtained from Ivor Hutchings on 01460 234396 or 07737 827924.

In addition the Slades Cross club are also making preparations for their annual Halloween and Firework night party on Saturday, October 30th.

■ ILMINSTER ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Ilminster anglers cast off the start of the V.E.S. Precision League on Sunday. The draw is held at the Crown Inn at 8.30am.

■ HORSE RACING AT WINCANTON

IN hosting its annual Charity Day on Sunday, October 24th, Wincanton Racecourse will once again help raise significant funds for two worthy charities - St Margaret's Somerset Hospice & Verrington Hospital.

Alongside the thrilling track-side action, there will be plenty of entertainment for the family; from face painters, bouncy castle, to trade stands and a silent auction.

Gates open at 11am with the first race at 2.20pm. Advance tickets offers are available with betting and racecard offers - 0844 5793014 or book online: www.wincantonracecourse.co.uk (Free entry for children 17 and under).

ON THE SPOT...



WEEKENDER SPORT PUTS BOB BRUNT, PSDL SECRETARY AND EXPERIENCED REFEREE- UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Q How long have you been associated with the Perry Street League and in what capacities?

A I started playing as a 15-year-old for Broadwindsor (the Royals). My playing career never amounted to much but I did score the winner in a John Fowler final for Misterton Reserves. I could not run fast and could not see without my spectacles which did not help. I have refereed for around 15 years and been League secretary for eight years

Q What are your hopes for the league this season?

A The number one target is to get all games completed by our finish date. Last season dragged on far too long giving little time for a break away from football

Q Unlike other leagues, you seem to have got over the long-standing hurdle of too few referees - how was this achieved?

A I have been heavily involved in finding, encouraging, retaining and mentoring referees in the last five years. Ruth, my wife, the Referees Appointments Officer, has been the one who has got us over this problem mainly through a recruitment drive and telling new and experienced recruits we are always there to help and support them.

Q Who have been the best three players that you have seen in the league?

A Kevin Hodges, the former Plymouth Argyle and Drimpton star, was a terrific role model for any aspiring youngster. Barry Biggrove and Andy Holt at their peak for Merriott in the 1970s were special.

Q Name some young Perry Street League players we should look out for in the future.

A Lyme Regis, Combe and Ilminster continually bring forward new stars through their youth system and look likely continue to do well in future years. Ilminster's Dan Vining and Chris Bussell along with Bradley King from Farway have impressed me this year.

Q How would you improve things in the PSDL?

A I hope the League has developed and moved forward in the last eight years. I have assisted certain clubs in gaining Charter Standard status - I would like to see more with that award.

Facilities to improve including changing (good supply of hot water for referees' showers) and playing surfaces allowing skilful play.

NEXT WEEK: Chard Rangers manager Justin Mason.

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